IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Theis OLSEN et al

Serial No.:   New

Filing Date: January 26, 2001

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ENSURING SECURE TRANSFER OF A
               DOCUMENT FROM A CLIENT OF A NETWORK TO A PRINTER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C.   20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by inserting the following
     sentence before the first line:

--Priority from, and the benefit of, U.S. Provisional
     Application No. 60/178,712, filed January 28, 2000, is
     hereby claimed.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2";
Claim 4, line 1, delete "any of the claims 1 to 3",
     insert --claim 1--;
Claim 5, line 1, delete "any of the claims 1 to 4",
     insert --claim 1--;
Claim 6, line 1, delete "any of the claims 1 to 5",
     insert --claim 1--;
Claim 7, line 1, delete "any of the claims 1 to 6",
     insert --claim 1--;
Claim 8, line 1, delete "any of the claims 1 to 7",
     insert --claim 1--;

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      Claim 11, line 1, delete "any of the claims 1 to 10",
          insert --claim 1--;
      Claim 12, line 1, delete "any of the claims 1 to 11",
          insert --claim 1--;
      Claim 13, line 1, delete "any of the claims 1 to 12",
          insert --claim 1--;
      Claim 16, line 1, delete "claims 14 or 15",
          insert --claim 14--;
      Claim 17, line 1, delete "claims 14 or 15",
          insert --claim 14--;
      Claim 18, line 1, delete "any of the claims 13 to 17",
          insert --claim 13--;
      Claim 19, line 1, delete "any of the claims 13 to 18",
          insert --claim 13--;
      Claim 21, line 1, delete "claims 19 or 20",
          insert --claim 19--;
      Claim 22, line 1, delete "any of the claims 19 to 21",
          insert --claim 19--;
      Claim 23, line 1, delete "any of the claims 19 to 22",
          insert --claim 19--
      Claim 24, line 1, delete "any of the claims 13 to 23",
          insert --claim 13--;
      Claim 25, line 1, delete "any of the claims 14 to 24",
          insert --claim 14--;
      Claim 27, line 1, delete "any of the claims 1 to 26",
          insert --claim 1--.

Please **cancel Claim 29** without prejudice or disclaimer.

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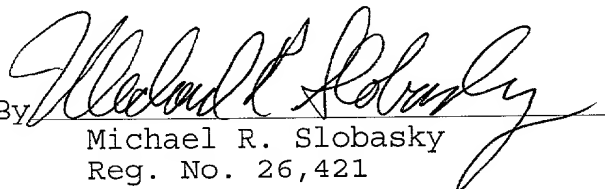
<div align="center">REMARKS</div>

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to delete the multiple dependent claims and avoid paying the multiple dependent claims fee, as well as place the application in better form for examination.

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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